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Native Plant Trust

Conserving and promoting
New England's native plants

What will
you know
by spring ?

NATIVE PLANT TRUST PROGRAMS

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FALL 2026 PROGRAMS HIGHLIGHTS



Every plant is unique. Your journey should be, too. Explore our new **Personalized Pathways** for learning this season.



Grab a bite and sit down with Native Plant Trust Directors Lea Johnson and Uli Lorimer for our new virtual **Lunch & Learn** series this fall.



Make your plans for Native Plant Trust's annual **Night of Illumination**.



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Members Only Events

Night of Illumination Thursday, October 22

Save the date for our annual members-only evening at Garden in the Woods.

Experience the magic of Garden in the Woods after dark as its woodland trails and landscape are transformed by the warm glow of more than 1,000 luminaria, suspended lights, and imaginative illuminated displays. This one-night-only celebration invites members to explore the botanical garden in a completely new way, enjoying a peaceful evening stroll through one of New England's most distinctive native plant gardens.

Night of Illumination is held every autumn and is exclusive to all member levels. Tickets are required and go on sale in early fall.

Visit: www.nativeplanttrust.org
to learn more about
our upcoming
membership events.



Member Plant Exchange Saturday, September 12

Meet up with fellow Native Plant Trust members for a plant swap at Garden in the Woods. Share your extras and pick up new additions for your garden while connecting with other native plant lovers. *Open to all members.*

Behind the Scenes: Renovation at Garden in the Woods Thursday, September 17

Get an inside look at recent renovations to the Lily Pond and Meadow Garden collections at Garden in the Woods, led by Uli Lorimer and members of the Horticulture team. *Behind the Scenes events are available exclusively to Conservation Circle and Life members.*

Directors' Talks: Uli Lorimer Thursday, November 12

Hear from our Director of Horticulture, Uli Lorimer, about his vision for Native Plant Trust's leadership in ecological horticulture. *Directors' Talks are available exclusively to Supporter, Sustainer, Conservation Circle, and Life members.*

Boston Dance Theater

SOLOS FOR NATIVE SPECIES

September 26, 2026 at Garden in the Woods
Framingham, MA - Free with Garden Admission



BOSTON DANCE THEATER
IN COLLABORATION WITH
Native Plant Trust

Boston Dance Theater returns to the Garden this September with Plants: Solos for Native Species.

On **September 26**, discover immersive dance performances inspired by native plants, unfolding throughout the Garden.

Four solo works will loop in different locations throughout the day, inviting you to explore, wander, and experience each piece at your own pace during regular Garden hours.

Performances included with Garden admission. For details and schedule, visit nativeplanttrust.org.

A photograph of three people looking upwards in a forest. On the left, a man with a beard and a patterned shirt. In the center, a woman with glasses and a blue t-shirt. On the right, a person in a grey t-shirt. The background is a blurred forest with green and yellow foliage.

FALL 2026

Adult Education

What will you know by spring?

Our adult education programs turn curiosity into skill, through one-hour introductions, in-depth virtual learning, hands-on workshops, certificate courses, and beyond. Led by trusted botanists, horticulturists, and designers and grounded in more than a century of expertise, every class helps you see New England's landscapes more clearly and gives you the knowledge to protect them.



Every plant is unique.
Your journey should be, too.

Explore our seasonal **Personalized Pathways**.

These pathways are designed to help you find your footing, whether you're just discovering native plants or deepening your professional practice. Mix, match, and wander as your curiosity leads.

For Curious Beginners

Why Ecoregions Matter

Thursday, October 1, 2026, 12-1 PM

Native Plant Trust Herbarium Tour

Saturday, November 14, 2026, 1-3 PM

Introduction to Native Plants for Gardeners

Wednesday, January 6, 2027, 5:30-6:30 PM

So You Want Less Lawn...

Tuesday, February 16, 2027, 5:30-6:30 PM

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Native Hydrangeas

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Discover Meadow-Making

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Leave the Leaves, Save the Stems

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Ecological Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

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Introduction to Ecological Garden Care

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For Landscape Professionals

Native Plants for Professionals

Thursday, January 28 and Friday, January 29, 2027, 1-2:15 PM

Managing Stormwater for Professionals

Thursday, February 25, 2027, 5:30-8 PM

Designing a Four-Season Garden

Saturday, March 20, 2027, 1-3 PM

Winter Pruning

January 30, February 26, OR March 13, 2027, 1-3 PM

For Educators and Caregivers

Designing a School Pollinator Garden

Thursday, February 18, 2027, 5:30-6:30 PM

Urban Gardening

Wednesday, March 3, 2027, 5:30-6:30 PM

Intro Series: Getting to Know Pollinators

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For Every Art-Maker

Autumn Watercolor

Saturday, October 24, 2026, 1-4 PM

Nature Journaling

Saturday, November 7, 2026, 1-3 PM

Making Colorful Arrangements with Native Evergreens

Saturday, December 5, 2026, 1-3 PM

New This Fall & Winter

When Conservation and Horticulture meet, the resulting conversations are dynamic and forward-thinking, serving a verdant future where all plants and humans thrive together.

Join Director of Conservation Dr. Lea Johnson and Director of Horticulture Uli Lorimer for our new **Lunch and Learn** webinar series as they discuss how these disciplines inform and support each other.

Whether you are a seasoned student or just beginning to learn with us, bring your lunch and pull up a chair.

Lunch and Learn with Native Plant Trust Experts

Why Ecoregions Matter

See how this conceptual framework shifts how we view our landscapes and how it can inform your decisions in the garden and within ecological restoration.

Thursday, October 1, 2026,
12-1 PM; \$25

What's in a Name? How Plant Names Shape What We See

Both formal botanical Latin and common names reflect the history between humans and that plant. Learn how names allow us to trace plant origins and characteristics and inform how botanists and gardeners engage with plants, and why the words we choose change what we notice in the landscape.

Thursday, November 5, 2026,
12-1 PM; \$25

**VIEW OUR FULL CLASS LISTING
FOR FALL 2026 AND WINTER 2027**



Revitalize Your Yard with Native Plants: A Step-by-Step Introduction

Every yard has a spot that could be more: more beautiful, more alive, more resilient to today's growing conditions. In this hands-on workshop, you'll choose an area of your own yard to revitalize, assess what's working and what isn't, and apply design methods that boost beauty and biodiversity, leaving with a real plan and an approach you can repeat. *Wednesdays, March 10, 17, 24, 5:30-8:30 PM; \$250; Cheryl Salatino, MCH; landscape designer, Dancing Shadows Garden Design*
Elective Credit Hours: 9.0

Book Talk: *Plant This, Not That*

That barberry by your foundation, that burning bush along the fence: what would you plant instead? Author Elise Howard answers with ideas from her book *Plant This, Not That*, which pairs over 200 native swaps with the invasive and less beneficial plants they can replace. She'll share the principles behind smart substitutions, tackle classic residential spaces from foundation beds to hellstrips, and point you toward sources and next steps for your own native garden.

Tuesday, October 6,
5:30-6:30 PM;
Free with registration;
hosted by the author.

The Ecology of Atlantic White Cedar Swamps

Step into one of the world's rarest wetland ecosystems. Discover how Atlantic white cedar swamps store carbon in deep layers of sphagnum-built peat, shelter beautiful and fragrant heath-family species in their understories, and hold deep cultural significance for Wampanoag and other Indigenous peoples. You'll come away understanding what makes these communities extraordinary, and why protecting them matters.

Tuesday, November 17, 5:30-6:30 PM;
\$25; Olivia Kurz, graduate student,
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Elective Credit Hours: 1.0

**PURCHASE YOUR COPY OF
PLANT THIS, NOT THAT
FROM OUR NATIVE PLANT TRUST
SHOP ONLINE OR IN-PERSON!**

Returning this Winter: Our Introductory Learning Series

For ten dollars and a single hour, you can begin your journey.

Our introductory courses offer an entry point to the native plant world, from botanical fundamentals to garden practice, each taught live on Zoom by an expert instructor. Choose the topic that speaks to your curiosity, or explore several — recordings remain available for 30 days after each class, allowing you to learn on your own schedule.

Intro Series: Native Plants for Gardeners

Learn how native plants can thrive in any garden, adding beauty and ecological value.

Date: Wednesday, January 6, 5:30-6:30 PM

Instructor: Stephen Kiely, ecological landscape designer and educator

Intro Series: Understanding and Managing Soils

Learn about soil structure and soil-flora relationships in this one-hour class.

Date: Wednesday, January 13, 5:30-6:30 PM

Instructor: Alexis Doshas, Nasami Farm Nursery Manager, Native Plant Trust

Intro Series: Stormwater Management

Get inspired to take practical steps towards stormwater management in this one-hour overview.

Date: Thursday, January 21, 5:30-6:30 PM

Instructor: Trevor Smith, regenerative landscape designer

Intro Series: Native Northeast Wildflowers

Gain an overview of New England's native wildflowers in this one-hour introductory course.

Date: Tuesday, February 2, 5:30-6:30 PM

Instructor: Neela de Zoysa, botanist and adjunct faculty, Boston Architectural College

Intro Series: Native Plant Garden Design

Discover how to begin incorporating native plant communities into your garden design.

Date: Wednesday, February 3, 5:30-6:30 PM

Instructor: Stephen Kiely, ecological landscape designer and educator

Intro Series: Urban Gardening

Learn the basics of gardening, plant choices, and design for biodiversity in urban spaces.

Date: Wednesday, March 3, 5:30-6:30 PM

Instructor: Shoma Haque, landscape designer; owner and founder of SHaque Designs, LLC

Intro Series: Ecological Garden Care

Learn the basics of native plant care through ecologically sound practices.

Date: Wednesday, March 10, 5:30-6:30 PM

Instructor: Stephen Kiely, ecological landscape designer and educator

Intro Series: Getting to Know Pollinators

Learn about native insect pollinators you can observe in your own garden.

Date: Tuesday, March 30, 5:30-6:30 PM

Instructor: Daphne Minner, garden coach and botanical educator

All introductory classes are \$10 each.

Online Classes

Our online courses and webinars bring Native Plant Trust's instructors to you, wherever you are in the Northeast and beyond — from one-hour introductions to multi-session deep dives. Hear from expert instructors on essential topics alongside a community of fellow learners.

Recordings for each of these offerings will be available for 30 days following the class.

These classes may also serve as elective hours for certificate students. Elective Credit Hours are listed with each applicable course. Full class descriptions may be found online, nativeplanttrust.org/education/classes.

Wildflowers of New England

Gain a comprehensive perspective on New England's native wildflowers and on their ecology and conservation.

October 8, 15, 22, and 29, 5:30-8:30

PM; \$300; Neela de Zoysa, botanist and adjunct faculty, Boston Architectural College

Part of the Basic Certificate Program curriculum.

Foundations of a Four-Season Garden

Explore how to create varied, beautiful native plant gardens and landscapes that benefit wildlife all year long.

Wednesday, October 14, 5:30-6:30 PM;

\$25; Marie Chieppo, native plant designer and horticulturist

Elective Credit Hours: 1.0

Leave the Leaves, Save the Stems

Learn why changes to fall cleanup can benefit our ecosystem and how to manage the practical and aesthetic concerns that arise when we keep autumn materials on home or community properties.

Tuesday, November 10, 5:30-6:30 PM; \$25

Kathy Connolly, landscape designer, Speaking of Landscapes, LLC

Elective Credit Hours: 1.0

Evolution of Green Plants

Join this class to encounter evidence for plant evolution and to understand how photosynthetic organisms from ancient seas evolved and adapted to life on land.

Wednesdays, November 11 and 18,

5:30-6:30 PM; \$40; Dr. Lori Benoit, wetland scientist and environmental consultant

Elective Credit Hours: 1.0

Site Preparation for Landscape Transformation

Learn about the essential steps to take as you prepare to change land covers or plantings in your home or community.

Thursday, November 19, 5:30-6:30 PM;

\$25; Kathy Connolly, landscape designer, Speaking of Landscapes, LLC

Elective Credit Hours: 1.0

Online Classes

Native Hydrangeas

Learn about the beauty, sustainability, and benefits of our native hydrangeas. *Thursday, January 7, 5:30-6:30 PM; \$25 Cheryl Salatino, MCH; landscape designer, Dancing Shadows Garden Design*
Elective Credit Hours: 1.0

Discover Meadow-Making

Join this presentation to discover what meadows are, how to choose a site for them, and how to design them. *Tuesday, January 12, 5:30-6:30 PM; \$25 Kathy Connolly, Landscape designer, Speaking of Landscapes, LLC*
Elective Credit Hours: 1.0

Native Plants for Professionals

Join other garden professionals for an in-depth overview of how to incorporate native plants into your design, from concepts to resources to implementation. *Thursday, January 28 & Friday, January 29, 1-2:15 PM; \$60; David Falk, Senior Horticulturist, Native Plant Trust*
Elective Credit Hours: 2.5

Sharing the Landscape with Deer

During a time when most of us are sharing our landscapes with deer, discover approaches to safeguard your garden. *Thursday, February 4, 5:30-7:30 PM; \$40 Cheryl Salatino, MCH; landscape designer, Dancing Shadows Garden Design*
Elective Credit Hours: 2.0

Fast-Growing Plants for the Garden

Learn how to incorporate often misunderstood, ecological superhero plants into your landscape. *Tuesday, February 9, 5:30-6:30 PM; \$25 Stephen Kiely, ecological landscape designer and educator*
Elective Credit Hours: 1.0

Understanding & Managing Soils

Explore the living and nonliving components of native Northeast soils and discuss best soil management practices. *February 10 & 17, 5:30-8:30 PM; \$150 Alexis Doshas, Nasami Farm Nursery Manager, Native Plant Trust*
Part of the Basic Certificate Program curriculum.

Aquatic Habitats of New England

Learn about aquatic plants and the amazing adaptations that enable them to live their lives almost entirely underwater. *Thursday, February 11, 5:30-6:30 PM; \$25 Dr. Lori Benoit, wetland scientist and environmental consultant*
Elective Credit Hours: 1.0

So You Want Less Lawn...

Gain pragmatic, ecologically focused perspectives on how to reduce or replace your lawn. *Tuesday, February 16, 5:30-6:30 PM; \$25 Marie Chieppo, native plant designer and horticulturist*
Elective Credit Hours: 1.0

Designing a School Pollinator Garden

This educator-focused webinar will walk you through the steps to planning, designing, and planting a native plant pollinator garden at your school. *Thursday, February 18, 5:30-6:30 PM; \$25 Daphne Minner, garden coach and botanical educator*
Elective Credit Hours: 1.0

Matrix Planting

Learn how to design dynamic, resilient plant communities using matrix planting, a method that combines structural plants, seasonal layers, and ground-covering species into a unified system. *Tuesday, February 23, 5:30-6:30 PM; \$25 Marie Chieppo, native plant designer and horticulturist*
Elective Credit Hours: 1.0

Ecological Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

Explore how to read plant signals, understand the conditions that invite disease, and apply both biological and chemical tools in ways that restore balance rather than destroy it. *Wednesday, February 24, 5:30-7:00 PM; \$35; Erik Vegeto, horticulturist, educator, and owner of Earth Gardeners*
Elective Credit Hours: 1.5

Managing Stormwater for Professionals

Learn practical methods and systems for capturing, slowing, and reusing stormwater. *Thursday, February 25, 5:30-8 PM; \$50 Trevor Smith, regenerative landscape designer*
Elective Credit Hours: 2.5

How Plants Sense and Respond

Explore how plants communicate, protect themselves, and perceive their surroundings. *Tuesday, March 2, 5:30-6:30 PM; \$25 Daphne Minner, garden coach and botanical educator*
Elective Credit Hours: 1.0

Balancing Native and Non-Native Plantings

Learn how to integrate native and non-native plants into your space for a balanced, thriving landscape. *Thursday, March 4, 5:30-7 PM; \$30 Marie Chieppo, native plant designer and horticulturist*
Elective Credit Hours: 1.5

How to Keep a Wild Garden Tidy

Learn how to design, plant, and maintain a wild, ecologically valuable garden that also preserves a tidy, accessible garden aesthetic. *Wednesday, March 17 and Thursday, March 18, 5:30-6:45 PM; \$60 David Falk, Senior Horticulturist, Native Plant Trust*
Elective Credit Hours: 2.5

In-Person Classes

Native New England Shrubs

This hands-on course introduces you to many of the native New England shrub species that can be found at Garden in the Woods and throughout the local ecoregion.

Saturday, Oct 3, 10:30 AM-4:30 PM; \$150
Brian Collieran, restoration ecologist
Part of the Basic Certificate Program curriculum.

Framework Trees of New England

Learn the history and ecology of Northeast regional forests.

Friday and Saturday, Oct 16-17, 10:30 AM-4:30 PM; \$300 Jeff Horan, forest ecologist, ret. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Part of the Basic Certificate Program curriculum.

Autumn Watercolor

Experience the beauty of fall foliage in New England, and practice capturing woodland garden light in this workshop, which combines independent painting and guided instruction.

Saturday, October 24, 1-4 PM; \$100
Heidy Sumei Chuang, watercolor artist

Landscape Study: Fall Residential Landscape

Visit a 60% Massachusetts native plant urban garden to observe what "leave the leaves, save the stems" looks like in practice, and observe the diverse birds, mammals, and insect species that utilize leaves and stems.

Saturday, October 24, 1-4 PM; \$60
Daphne Minner, garden coach and botanical educator
Location: West Roxbury, MA
Landscape study credit for our certificate programs.

Field Study: Exploring the Flora of Pine Barrens and Cranberry Bogs

Explore pine barrens and agricultural cranberry bogs located on A.D. Makepeace Company property in Wareham, MA, and study representative plants of this ecoregion.

Sunday, October 25, 10 AM-1 PM; \$90
Elizabeth Dumais, soil data quality specialist and geologist
Location: Wareham, MA
Field study credit for our certificate programs.

Nature Journaling

Learn how to capture your impressions of Garden in the Woods using words, sketches, and numbers, and practice techniques that you can use in any natural setting.

Saturday, November 7, 1-3 PM; \$50
Molly Torrey, nature artist and educator

Native Plant Trust Herbarium Tour

Join Native Plant Trust's conservation staff for an exclusive look at a selection of the 6,000 fascinating, beautiful, and scientifically important plant specimens contained within our herbarium at Garden in the Woods.

Saturday, November 14, 1-3 PM; \$25
Native Plant Trust conservation staff

Winter Botany

Learn how to use a dichotomous key to identify a selection of deciduous, evergreen, and herbaceous plants of winter.

*Choose one session**
Saturday, December 12, 10:30 AM-4:30 PM
OR Sunday, December 13, 10:30 AM-4:30 PM; \$150
William E. Kuriger, botanist
Elective Credit Hours: 6.0

Winter Pruning

Gain hands-on pruning experience and learn basic principles, including how to make proper cuts, when to prune different species, and how to select and maintain tools.

*Choose one session**
Saturday, January 30, 1-3 PM
Friday, February 26, 1-3 PM
Saturday, March 13, 1-3 PM; \$75
David Falk, Senior Horticulturist, Native Plant Trust
Elective Credit Hours: 2.0

**Inclement weather dates: February 6, March 5, and March 20, respectively.*

The Buttercup Family

Immerse yourself in this varied and strikingly beautiful group of wildflowers as you engage in an interactive presentation and study herbarium specimens.

Saturday, Feb 20, 2027, 1-4 PM; \$90
Ted Elliman, botanist and author of Wildflowers of New England
Elective Credit Hours: 3.0

Learn to Mount Herbarium Specimens

Hone your herbarium specimen mounting skills, using glue plates and other materials, under the guidance of an expert instructor.

Saturday, February 27, 10 AM -2:30 PM; \$125
Roberta Lombardi, Herbarium Collections Manager, UMass Amherst Herbarium
Elective Credit Hours: 4.5

Springtime Mustards

Learn to identify and describe 20-25 native and introduced spring-flowering species in the mustard family, in addition to their habitat preferences and New England distributions.

Saturday, March 27, 1-3 PM; \$60
Ted Elliman, botanist and author of Wildflowers of New England
Elective Credit Hours: 2.0

Designing a Four-Season Garden

Explore how to create varied, beautiful native plant gardens and landscapes that benefit wildlife all year long in this hands-on class.

Saturday, March 20, 1-3 PM; \$60
Marie Chieppo, native plant designer and horticulturist
Elective Credit Hours: 2.0

UMass Amherst Herbarium Tour*

Explore one of the region's premier herbarium collections.

Saturday, March 6, 1-2 PM; \$25
Tristram Seidler, curator, UMass Amherst Herbarium
**This course will take place at the University of Massachusetts Natural History Collections in Amherst, MA.*

Unless otherwise noted, all offerings occur at Garden in the Woods, located in Framingham, MA.

These classes may also serve as elective hours for certificate students. Elective Credit Hours are listed with each applicable course. Full class descriptions may be found online, nativeplanttrust.org/education/classes.

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Reach out to our team, and we are happy to help.
edu@NativePlantTrust.org.



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Certificate Programs

As the nation's oldest plant conservation organization, Native Plant Trust has spent more than a century building expertise in New England's native flora. Our Certificate Programs in Native Plant Studies train the botanists, gardeners, designers, and conservationists who will steward these ecosystems for the next generation.

Our three programs offer hands-on training in botany, conservation, ecological horticulture, and native plant design principles. Students will learn to identify the region's plants, understand their habitats, and apply best practices in the field and the landscape.

Certificate program classes are open to all students, regardless of program enrollment.

Basic Certificate Program

Designed as the entry point to native plant studies, our Basic Certificate builds botanical fluency.

Over a series of foundational courses, landscape and field studies, and hands-on practice, you'll learn how plants are built, how they interact with their ecosystems and each other, and how to confidently name New England's wildflowers, shrubs, and trees.

Visit our website or the Program Calendar on page 18 for upcoming class dates and times.

Curriculum:

Foundations:

- Plant Form and Function*
- Plant Ecology*
- Plant Families*

Plants and Their Habitats:

- Wildflowers of New England
- Native New England Shrubs
- Framework Trees of New England

Specialty:

- Understanding and Managing Soils

Electives:

- Minimum of two courses, totaling 6 hours (one Botany, one Horticulture)

Application:

- Two studies (one Field, one Landscape)
- Community Service (15 hours)
- Final Portfolio



Full course descriptions and course registration available online.

Advanced Certificate Programs*

The **Advanced Botany and Conservation Certificate** pairs rigorous coursework with hands-on field experience. Built for aspiring and working conservation professionals as well as serious citizen scientists, this program deepens students' knowledge of best practices for protecting plants and ecosystems, grows their plant identification skills, and builds experience working with field guides and conducting botanical inventories.

Curriculum:

Foundations:

- Conservation Biology
- New England Plant Communities
- Plant Systematics

Field Conservation:

- Field Identification Techniques
- Botanical Inventory Methods and Techniques
- Basic Wetland Identification and Delineation
- Seed Conservation

Specialty:

- Invasive Plants: Identification, Documentation, and Control

Electives:

- Minimum of Two Botany Electives, totaling 6 hours

Application:

- Two Field Studies
- Community Service Leadership Project (25 hours)
- Final Portfolio

The **Advanced Horticulture and Design Certificate** program offers students the opportunity to build on their skills for future work in horticulture and landscaping, whether as professionals or committed amateur gardeners. Students in this program will deepen their knowledge of best practices for ecological landscaping, native plant design principles, plant selection and propagation, and more.

Curriculum:

Advanced Horticulture & Design Foundations:

- Landscape for Life
- History and Principles of Landscape Design
- Introduction to Ecological Horticulture

Building Your Plant Palette:

- Residential Landscape Design
- Native Herbaceous Plant Materials (Early Season & Late Season)
- Native Woody Plant Materials

Specialty:

- Healthy Seedlings

Electives:

- Minimum of two horticulture electives, totaling 6 hours

Application:

- Two Landscape Studies
- Community Service Leadership Project (25 hours)
- Final Portfolio

*Courses in the Advanced Certificate programs will next be offered in Spring 2027.

*Please note that our Foundations Courses will not be offered this semester. They will be offered in a revised form in Spring 2027.

Visit Us

Our Garden and shops are open through the fall. Visit us for late season color, supplies for fall planting, and seeds for winter sowing.

GARDEN IN THE WOODS

Our naturalistic botanic garden just west of Boston showcases New England native plants on 45 acres sculpted by retreating glaciers into eskers and steep-sided valleys, with a brook, pond, and wetlands.

Location:

180 Hemenway Road
Framingham, MA 01701

Hours:

Daily, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. through September
Wednesday – Sunday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.,
Oct 1 – Nov 22*

*Last day for plant sales, Oct 18

Admission:

Adult (18-64): \$18

Senior (65+): \$15

Youth (5-17): \$8

Children (under 5):
FREE

Special Pricing with valid ID:

Native Plant Trust members: FREE

Active service members: FREE

Veterans: 50% off

Massachusetts Teachers Association: 20% off

Students: \$12

For Members Only: Winter walking begins December 2,
open 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Wednesdays through Sundays.

Garden Shop

Our gift shop and native plant nursery are located at the Visitor Center. Admission is not required to visit these areas.

*Please note that Garden in the Woods will be closed
Oct 19 – 23, Nov 23 – Dec 1, and Dec 21 – Jan 3.*

Holiday Shopping returns to Garden in the Woods this December!

Shop Wednesdays through Sundays through Dec 20 to buy gifts, seeds, and books for the plant lovers on your list.

NASAMI FARM

Set on 75 acres in the Connecticut River Valley of western Massachusetts, Nasami Farm grows New England native plants from seed that we harvest sustainably from healthy, well-established wild populations throughout the region. Nasami Farm nursery offers a wide variety of native plants for sale during the growing season.

Location:

128 North Street
Whately, MA 01373

Hours*:

Thursday – Sunday,
10am– 5pm
Through Oct 5

*Our gift shop and native plant nursery are located at the Visitor Center.

Visit our online store

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Fall is for Planting!

Plan this fall and winter for next year's spring garden with our Garden Consulting program. Our consultants will help you work along with nature, choose the right native plants for your conditions, and show you how to maintain your garden without chemicals.

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Our Speakers Bureau

BRINGING NATIVE PLANT TRUST TO YOUR COMMUNITY

Each year, our conservation and horticulture experts share their knowledge with garden clubs, land trusts, libraries, and community groups across the Northeast. Whether your audience seeks an in-depth exploration of rare plant conservation or practical guidance for the home landscape, you will find a speaker suited to the occasion.



Dr. Lea Johnson
Director of Conservation

Lea leads Native Plant Trust's conservation work across New England, from rare plant monitoring to habitat restoration. An ecologist with a Ph.D. from Rutgers University and an affiliate faculty appointment at the University of Maryland, she has spent her career connecting scientific research to practical land management and ecological design. Lea speaks on how ecosystems recover, how cities can support native flora, and what science tells us about restoring damaged landscapes.

TOPICS: Community ecology, ecological restoration, urban ecosystems, and wide-ranging conservation topics



Uli Lorimer
Director of Horticulture

Uli oversees Garden in the Woods, our botanic garden in Framingham, and Nasami Farm, our native plant nursery in western Massachusetts. Before joining Native Plant Trust, he spent fourteen years as curator of the Native Flora Garden at Brooklyn Botanic Garden, and he is the author of *The Northeast Native Plant Primer: 235 Plants for an Earth-Friendly Garden*. A tireless advocate for native plants in designed landscapes, Uli speaks on wide-ranging horticultural and gardening topics.

TOPICS: *The Northeast Native Plant Primer*; native plants in the designed landscape; wide-ranging horticultural and gardening topics

Cole Campbell Production Horticulturist

Cole oversees plant production, the stock bed program, and seed collection at Garden in the Woods, and helps manage our nationally accredited Trillium collection. Previously a seed technician at Wild Seed Project, Cole brings a propagator's eye to questions of how gardens grow and what they can do for wildlife. Their talks are especially popular with audiences curious about gardening for birds.

TOPICS: Gardening for birds; ecological horticulture; ecological garden design; native plant propagation for beginners; Native Plant Trust's Trillium collection.

Alexis Doshas Nasami Farm Nursery Manager

Alexis leads the team at Nasami Farm, where thousands of native seedlings are grown each year from wild-collected, known-ecotype seed. She holds a master's degree in conservation biology from Antioch University New England and is one of Native Plant Trust's most experienced instructors in propagation and native plant ecology. Her talks bring nursery-floor practicality to topics from seed collection to lawn alternatives.

TOPICS: Native plant seedling propagation; native seed collection and propagation; native lawn alternatives; soil ecology; slow gardening

Arthur Haines Senior Research Botanist

Arthur is a plant biologist specializing in the taxonomy and identification of New England's vascular plants. He is the author of *Flora Novae Angliae*, the definitive manual of the region's flora, along with *Flora of Maine* and two books on foraging and botanical medicine. Arthur speaks with equal authority on the science of our regional flora and the human relationships — food, medicine, place-based skills — that connect people to plants.

TOPICS: Flora of New England; plants of conservation concern; ethnobotany (foraging, botanical medicine, place-based skills)

Erik Sechler Ecological Programs Coordinator

Erik brings more than a decade of experience with Natural Heritage Programs in Pennsylvania and New York, where he specialized in natural community ecology, avian habitat, and vegetation mapping. He has also worked with NatureServe, Manomet, and The Trustees of Reservations on Martha's Vineyard. Erik speaks on the ecology of natural communities and the practical work of assessing, managing, and restoring habitat.

TOPICS: Natural community ecology; avian ecology; rare plant ecology; habitat assessment; invasive plant ecology and management

One-hour presentations are \$500 with our staff experts and \$1,500 with our Directors. Scan the QR code to browse topics and request a speaker.





Native Plant Trust Membership

Connect with native plants and the community that cares for them.

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Whether you are discovering native plants for the first time or gardening with them for years, a membership can help you learn, explore, and make a lasting impact in our community. As a member, you can enjoy valuable benefits while supporting the conservation, research, and education that protect plants and ecosystems we all depend on.

❁ Join the movement

Your membership directly supports Native Plant Trust's work to help conserve New England's native flora through scientific research, seed banking, habitat restoration, horticulture, and education. Together we're creating healthier landscapes, strengthening biodiversity, and inspiring communities to embrace native plants.

❁ Experience more.

Enjoy unlimited free entry to Garden in the Woods, where you can return throughout the seasons to discover what is in bloom, walk woodland trails, and attend special events. Members also receive invitations to exclusive experiences, including members-only programs like Night of Illumination.

❁ Keep learning.

If you're taking a class, membership is the perfect way to continue your journey. Members receive 15% off Native Plant Trust classes, courses, and public programs, along with early access to select lectures and special events. You will also receive *Native Plant News*, our members-only magazine, and a printed copy of our semiannual programs catalog to help inspire your next adventure.

❁ Find your community.

Join thousands of Native Plant Trust members who share a passion for native plants and healthy ecosystems. Whether you're a home gardener, conservation professional, educator, or just curious about the natural world, you can find opportunities to connect, learn, and grow alongside others who are looking to make a difference.

Memberships begin at just \$55 per year.

All Native Plant Trust members receive:

- ❁ 15% discount on Native Plant Trust public programs, events, and courses
- ❁ Unlimited free admission to Garden in the Woods
- ❁ Winter Walking access to Garden in the Woods during the peaceful off-season
- ❁ Invitations to exclusive members-only events
- ❁ Discounts at Garden Shops and participating regional and mail-order nurseries through our Nursery Connections program
- ❁ A subscription to *Native Plant News*, our members-only magazine
- ❁ A printed copy of our semiannual programs catalog
- ❁ Free or discounted admission to hundreds of public gardens through the American Horticultural Society Garden Network

Become a member today and help protect the native plants that sustain our landscapes, wildlife, and communities all while enjoying a full year of inspiration, learning, and discovery.



BECOME A PLANT CONSERVATION VOLUNTEER

New England's rarest plants are disappearing, and most grow on private land, where, unlike animals, they receive no federal protection. Finding and protecting them depends on people like you.

Since 1993, Plant Conservation Volunteers have served as Native Plant Trust's eyes in the field: hundreds of trained community scientists who locate, monitor, and collect seed from the region's most imperiled species. The oldest rare plant monitoring program in the country, our work reaches every county in New England, tracking the health of 3,300 populations of 389 globally and regionally rare plants.



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As a Plant Conservation Volunteer, you will:

Train with professional botanists in plant survey and seed collection techniques.

Monitor rare and endangered species, providing data that guides conservation decisions by state and federal land managers across the region.

What it takes:

Basic botanical knowledge, sharp observation skills, access to transportation, and a sense of adventure.

What you gain:

- ✿ Access to some of New England's most diverse natural areas, many closed to the general public.
- ✿ Field days alongside professional botanists, building your skills in identification, ecology, and conservation.
- ✿ The knowledge that your hours in the field directly help prevent the extinction of the region's rarest species.

Ready to join?

Applications for the 2027 field season are open now; apply by January 17, 2027



QUESTIONS? Contact CommunityScience@NativePlantTrust.org

About Us

Native Plant Trust is the nation's first plant conservation organization and the only one solely focused on New England's native plants.

More than a century ago, our founders organized what is now called Native Plant Trust to stop the destruction of native plants. Today, as native plants face the greatest wave of threats since the last mass extinction, we are still a national leader in native plant conservation, horticulture, and education. Each year, our more than 30 staff members and many of our 1,500 trained volunteers work throughout New England to **save native plants in the wild, grow them for gardens** and restorations, and educate others on their value and use. In these ways, we reach a wide audience with our message that native plants are not only beautiful, but ecologically important to the wider landscape.

We develop new insights, **create cutting-edge tools**, and foster **collaborations** that advance our own work and that of our peers. Our **leadership** and **staff** are internationally recognized as experts in their respective fields. We offer a wide range of resources and **programs** for all levels of interest and experience.

Donate

This year, you and fellow plant lovers across the country have gone outdoors and online to learn about plants. Today you have a wonderful opportunity to show your appreciation for the native plants that bring you peace and joy—and for the programs that help you identify, protect, and grow them. With the record-breaking demand for our classes, we need your support to continue providing these programs in accessible formats. Participant fees do not cover the costs of developing and delivering innovative programs. We need your help to keep our educational experiences available and affordable to everyone this year.

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